

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



15th March 2024



World Book Day photos



Dear Parents/Carers,

A great week at St Mary's, our Icenis children took part in the Wessex Singing School Festival and were amazing. They joined with other first school pupils at the Thomas Hardy Theatre and they performed really well. I was so proud of them, well done all of you.

A **Big Thank You** to the PTFA for organising and running the quiz night last Friday. It made a huge £510 towards new playground equipment. Many thanks to those families who supported the event and the raffle. Well done to the PTFA.

The teacher's team won at the last minute with a tie breaker question.



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This week each class from Kingston through to Icení received a Life Education session from Coram Life, children learnt about wellness and how their brains work when they are feeling anxious or worried. Some classes also took part in Coram's latest mental health workshops.



Maiden Castle class attended the Commonwealth Day service at County Hall this week and represented the school very well. They enjoyed waving their flags and especially enjoyed the refreshments afterwards.

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The children really enjoyed these workshops. Please can we request, if you haven't paid for your child's Life Education session on Parentpay, please can you do so now, many thanks.

As part of our busy week at St Mary's, we had two teams from Maiden Castle & Icen playing Tag Rugby at Dorchester Rugby Club. They played against other schools and receive training and pointers from rugby coaches. Thank you to the parents who helped with walking the children to the rugby club and back.



The Big Walk and Wheel is underway at St Mary's, this will carry on throughout next week. Please can we encourage children to walk, ride or scooter to school. If you live a drive away, perhaps park a little further away from St Mary's and then walk, ride or scooter from there.

Today at St Mary's we were visited by the Sustrans Smoothie Bike. Many thanks for all the 50p donations, these will all go to 'School in a Bag'. The children loved making and drinking the smoothies.

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Upcoming events

Date	Event
11 th -22 nd March	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel to School
Thurs 21st March	Maurward class day trip to Falmer Palmers - please pay on parentpay & children need a packed lunch
Thurs 21st March	Shire class day trip to Shire Hall - please pay on parentpay & children need a packed lunch

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Mon 25th & Tues 26th March	Iceni class taking part in Level 1 Bikeability
Mon 25th March	Iceni parents meeting Claire Hudson from St Osmund's
Monday 25 th March	Kidszone is closed today for mandatory staff Safeguarding Training
Thurs 28th March	Children finish for Easter Holidays
Fri 29th March	Easter Holidays
Mon 15th April	Children return to school

Polite request from our neighbours.

Neighbours of the school in Lucetta Lane have requested that we ask parents to not park in their 'residents only' car park or up on the pavement leading to it. This car park is on the left-hand side of Lucetta Lane as you drive towards St Mary's – many thanks.



This week's kids' Corner comes from our Maiden Castle class, telling us what they have enjoyed and learnt this week.



Our bike it bear this week who found the golden padlock was Oscar S. Well done Oscar.

We enjoyed the Commonwealth Ceremony at County Hall. We waved flags and had biscuits.

Clemmie and Minnie

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I enjoyed ICT, we were learning to touch type.

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I enjoyed learning about weight and mass of an object.

Emily

Have a good weekend.

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher